

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. It is noted with thanks that Claim 6 is drawn to allowable subject matter.

Claim 7 has been amended, to delete the word "for" in paragraph (b) as was intended (but not shown) in the previous Amendment.

In the office action, Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Schlachman et al. (United States Patent 6,504,925). The applicant respectfully transverses this rejection.

Applicants' claim 1 is to a "portable telephone terminal device" that comprises a certain "storage section", a certain retrieving means, and a certain displaying means. Schlachman fails to disclose a "portable" telephone terminal device as recited in Applicants' claim 1. Schlachman is only concerned with providing an alternative to using an information operator or printed telephone directory books, and Schlachman is directed to normal telephones (Fig. 2), not portable telephones. Schlachman mainly relies on using a "large, permanent CDROM 34 which stores telephone directory data for a large geographic area, such as several states." (col. 4, lines 53-54) Schlachman secondarily relies on an erasable update, pertaining to that same geographic area, giving information for newer subscribers. (Col. 4, lines 57+.) That Schlachman only discloses a non-portable telephone system clearly is shown by Schlachman's reliance on items that a portable telephone would lack, namely: "modem 78," "telephone line 14" and "connector 80" (Schlachman, col. 5, lines 49-50). Thus, Applicants' presently claimed invention is distinguished from Schlachman on at least this point of the recitation of a "portable telephone terminal device" in Applicants' claims 1-6 and 8.

Additional points of distinction between Applicants' claimed invention and Schlachman are discussed below.

Applicants' inventive device includes "a storage section for storing therein a name of municipalities and a corresponding toll number thereto." (Applicants' claim 1.) An example of a "toll number" is that of Kamikawa Machi (Saitama Prefecture), toll number "0495"<sup>1</sup>. Schlachman fails to disclose storing

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<sup>1</sup>Applicants' specification, page 9, lines 20, 25.

municipality names with a corresponding toll number. To the contrary, Schlachman focuses on replacing hard-copy telephone books and needing to contact a telephone operator to get a telephone number, and correspondingly Schlachman is storing complete telephone numbers for particular telephone subscribers. Schlachman deals with something other than toll numbers.

Applicants' inventive device also includes "a means for retrieving said name of municipalities from said storage section while being taken said toll number inputted from an input means to be a retrieval key;" and "a means for displaying the name of municipalities which is retrieved." (Applicants' claim 1.) Schlachman fails to teach such means as recited in Applicants' claim 1. For example, Schlachman fails to teach a "toll number inputted ... to be a retrieval key". Schlachman otherwise fails to teach using toll numbers as in Applicants' claimed invention.

According to Applicants' presently claimed invention (claim 1), a user could input a toll number into a portable telephone and obtain a display of the retrieved name of municipalities corresponding to the input toll number. Schlachman lacks teaching for inputting anything into a portable telephone. Further, Schlachman lacks teaching for inputting a toll number into any kind of telephone. Schlachman is entirely silent about inputting a toll number into a portable telephone to obtain a retrieved name of municipalities corresponding to the toll number.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection are respectfully requested. It is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, that the allowability of claim 6 be repeated and that claims 1-8 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041 (Whitham,

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Respectfully submitted,

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